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THE REAL C.I.A. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr. Macmillan, \$6.95

Anyone looking for an *Invisible Government-Ramparts* type exposé is in for a big disappointment. The author spent over 18 years with the C.I.A. in such posts as deputy assistant director, inspector general and executive director. When he left it for a teaching job, he was number three man in the agency. Using an autobiographical framework, he follows the C.I.A. from its foundation through the administrations of General Walter Bedell Smith, Allen Dulles, John McCone and Admiral William Raborn. He examines Senator McCarthy's campaign against the agency, the C.I.A.'s role in the Korean War, events leading up to Castro's takeover of power and the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the U-2 controversy, and the functioning of the office of the Director, and touches briefly on the furor over student subsidies. ("The subsidies accomplished an important purpose and may have outlived their usefulness.") Although he employs numerous anecdotes from his own career, the overall result is seldom very colorful or dramatic. It is an Agency man's view of the Agency: careful, competent and non-controversial, and lets very few cats out of the bag.

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